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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 13, 2003 which rejected claims 1, 21 to 23, 34 to 49 and 54 to 56, and indicated that claims 2 to 20, 24 to 29, 33 and 50 to 53 were directed to allowable subject matter, Applicants make the following amendments and remarks.

In the Claims

Please amend claims 1, 3, 14, 25, 26, 35, and 43 as shown in the attached "Claims Marked Up to Show Changes."

Please cancel claims 2 and 24.

Please add new claims 57 and 58.

Also submitted herewith are "Clean Claim Sheets" with the claims as pending after entry of the present amendments.